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METHOD AND APPARATUS

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## **FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract are shown in the substitute specification, submitted with this paper as Appendix A hereto.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.